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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Brian D. Petry *et al.* Examiner: Liang-che Alex Wang
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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING FAILOVER OF STATEFUL CONNECTIONS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2007, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.